

C. W. DARR DENIES CHARGES THAT HE IS A REPUBLICAN

Secretary of District Democratic Central Committee Will Fight Faction.

Charles W. Darr, secretary of the District Democratic central committee, was aroused today by the declaration of members of the J. Fred Kelley committee that they would produce evidence before the national committee today to show that Mr. Darr is a Republican, in order to invalidate any action by the committee of which W. E. Carr is chairman and Mr. Darr secretary.

He also characterized as "absolutely untrue" the statement that he had made an attempt to become a police judge to succeed Judge Fugh several years ago.

"If being in the active service of the Democratic party as a member of the central Democratic committee of the District of Columbia, a candidate for the Legislature in the State of Maryland, and whose candidacy and persistence is a candidate resulted in the opening of the ballot boxes from southern Maryland and brought about the present election law in the State of Maryland," he said, "it being a delegate to and a member of the Democratic convention and voting for the nomination of William J. Bryan and John W. Kern for President and Vice President; if contributing to the Democratic cause in favor of the national campaign, since the campaign in which John Hancock was the candidate, and if contributing by speech and money to every State campaign held in the State of Maryland since my removal therefrom in 1906, if these acts of activity in the interest of the Democratic party make me really a Republican, then am I a Republican."

"It is absolutely untrue that I ever ran for the office of judge of the Police Court or for any other office other than as a member of the Democratic party of the State of Maryland," he added. "My name was suggested by my friends, regardless of party, to succeed Judge Kimball, and as far as I can learn, my voluntary supporters consisted of both Democrats and Republicans and it was known at that time, as it has been known since my twenty-first year, that I have been an uncompromising Democrat."

Webster Suspected Of an Old Murder

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Efforts to link Dr. Elgin Webster, under indictment for the murder of his second wife, Bessie Kent Webster, with the murder of Mrs. F. E. Mize, who was shot by a supposed hold-up man near the Del Prado Hotel, in 1906, are being made by Lieut. Joseph Thomas, of the Hyde Park station, who announced that he would submit what information he had obtained to the State's attorney of Cook county, where Webster will be tried.

Mrs. Mize was a guest at the Del Prado Hotel and was killed the night of August 22 last, when in front of 5748 Washington avenue.

Lieutenant Thomas said that the information in his possession was supplied by Mrs. Nettie Moulton, 1508 East Fifty-fifth street, who, in 1906, conducted a rooming house at 6313 Madison avenue, where Webster was a roomer at the time of the Mize murder.

Officials in Cook county, who have been investigating the case, have not credited the theory that the prisoner had anything to do with the Mize murder. His friends say he would be able to establish an alibi.

Conservationists of South Dakota Meet

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 8.—The South Dakota Conservation, Dry Farming, and Good Roads Congress, for which preparations have been making for several months, met in this city today with a large and representative attendance.

Bishop O'Gorman delivered the invocation at the opening and Mayor Burnside made an address of welcome. Former United States Senator Pettigrew was one of the speakers. The sessions will last three days. Governor Eberhart, of Minnesota, is on the program for an address Thursday morning.

Prof. Gumprecht Returns to Capital

Prof. Armand Gumprecht, organist and choirmaster of the archdiocese of Baltimore, has returned to Washington, and today begins his duties as choir director at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Well known in Washington and Baltimore, Prof. Gumprecht has added several masterpieces to the music of the church, and has been associated with several of the most prominent choirs in the archdiocese.

CHAMBER CHOOSES OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Alexandria Business Men's Organization Holds Annual Election—R. S. Jones Is Named President.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., JAN. 8.

Officers for the year were elected by the chamber of commerce last night as follows: R. S. Jones, president; Carroll Pierce, vice president; J. T. Preston, secretary and treasurer; A. D. Brockett, W. A. Snoot, Jr., J. T. Williams, Carroll Pierce, and Marshall L. King, board of directors.

A committee on arrangements for the annual banquet to be held either this month or in February, was appointed as follows: J. T. Williams, A. D. Brockett, Harry Hammond, J. M. Duncan, J. Louis Loos, J. William May, W. A. Snoot, Jr., Carroll Pierce, William Jones, E. H. Gentry, John H. Trimyer, W. W. Ballenger, C. S. T. Burke, Percy E. Clift, Marshall L. King, and R. S. Jones.

An invitation was extended, by unanimous consent, to Dr. Flanagan, at the head of the State board of health, to deliver an address in Alexandria in the near future.

Robinson Monro, member of the house of delegates, discussed certain legislation which he will urge at the coming session of the Legislature.

A year in jail each was the sentence imposed on Charles and Samuel Sorrell, alleged to have robbed the cars of the Southern railway, when arraigned before Justice Lewis Dalbert in Alexandria county yesterday.

Marley Encampment of Odd Fellows last night elected officers as follows: George D. Sutherland, chief patriarch; Vance H. Peels, senior warden; W. Leon Clarke, high priest; J. W. McMenamin, junior warden; R. W. Watkins, scribe; P. M. Bradshaw, treasurer; W. E. Latham, Jr., guide; W. E. Latham, G. M. Phillips, J. C. Morgan, and G. C. Trenary, members of the watch; J. H. Mount and T. R. Spicer, guards. The installation was conducted by Deputy District Grand Patriarch W. E. Latham, following which a smoker was held. It was announced that the election and installation of officers of Alexandria Canton, No. 10, of the Order, would be held Thursday night.

Frederick Marks, one of three men alleged to have shot Charles Edgards and Andrew Lomax, colored, when the latter accidentally jostled them on Upper Street two weeks ago, was fined \$50 in police court this morning. Marks made no statement. The other men, said to have been implicated, have not yet been arrested.

Emerson Engine Company was awarded \$2,500 in the suit against Edward Hatch, Jr., of New York city, at a jury trial held in the United States court, here yesterday. This sum represents the amount due on an engine sold to the defendant.

Struck by an engine, while shifting in the yards at the roundhouse, yesterday, John Kercherm, employed by the Southern railway, received injuries about the head and body.

Republicans Plan Rerorm Legislation

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 8.—The New Jersey legislature met today and organized for its regular annual session. The session promises to be of more than ordinary importance.

The Republican majority was elected on a platform pledging a number of important reforms.

The party leaders are determined that the reform measures demanded by the people shall go through, and that the legislation shall be of such a character that Governor Wilson will not dare to exercise his right of veto without endangering his chances to secure the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Cummins Appeal Bill Considered

The Cummins bill to permit appeals from decrees in trust dissolution cases, was considered at length by the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday.

A diversity of opinion existed as to how the result sought could be attained. No progress was made and another meeting will be held at an early date to further discuss the subject.

The Cummins bill is intended to prepare a method by which the independent manufacturers may take an appeal from the decree of the New York circuit court approving the dissolution plan of the Tobacco trust.

Funeral services for James L. Baumgarten, Jr., were held from the family residence, 118 South Payne street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. W. J. Morton officiating. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery.

Funeral services for Herman H. Haynes were held from St. Mary's Catholic Church at 8:30 o'clock this morning. The Rev. L. F. Keller officiating. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery.

Arguments as to the place of confinement of C. Jones Rixey, the indicted Banker, will be held before Judge Barclay in corporation court January 24, next. Rixey is at present confined at the Western State Hospital, at Staunton, Va. It is contended by the State that he should be confined at the Marion Hospital for the Criminal Insane, when it shall have been completed.

At a meeting of the Fairfax Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company, held yesterday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the year: James W. Roberts, Alexandria; R. W. Birch, Falls Church; J. P. Hatcher, Hamilton; E. L. Garrett, Herndon; C. M. Money, Vienna; L. A. Turner, Aldie; John W. May, Alexandria; M. D. Hall, Fairfax Station; J. N. Gilba, Mt. Vernon; Tyson Jannet, Quantico; J. W. Marshall, Alexandria; George G. Tyler, Haymarket; A. L. Lukens, Accotink; Directors afterward elected these officers: James W. Roberts, president; Walter Roberts, treasurer; S. E. Lindsey, secretary.

The resignation offered by Alfred H. Thomson, member of the city school board from the Second ward, has been withdrawn. Mr. Thomson having reconsidered his action.

The annual meetings of the three local national banks will be held today, at which the board of directors of each will be elected.

Disputing the right of the Government to fence off the land in the southeastern section of the city, fronting on the river, recently resumed when the harbor was deepened, several of the adjoining property owners removed some of the fence posts placed there. They were replaced this morning by several men from Washington, and the work of fencing in the land continued. It is understood that the property owners will vigorously contest the right of the Government to this land by legal procedure. All parties concerned refuse to discuss the matter.

Struck by a southbound passenger train of the Southern Railway about 6 o'clock last evening, Angus Madison was instantly killed, at Burke's Station, about fourteen miles from here. According to the statement of witnesses, Madison was walking along the track, and hearing the whistle of the oncoming train, became confused and stepped directly in front of the engine. Madison lived at Burke's Station, and was unmarried.

Newell S. Greenaway, clerk of the court, will leave this morning for New York city, where he will join the delegation from Acca Temple, Mystic Shrine, for a ten-day trip to Bermuda.

Chokes Bear to Death With His Bare Hands

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Monticello, Sullivan county, boasts of the only living man who has choked a real, live 400-pound bear to death with his bare hands. The hero is Bernie Smith, a trapper and hunter.

Smith, with Leon Ackley, discovered and followed the trail, which led to a den in a ledge of rocks. The hunters built a fire and smoked out Mr. Bear. It rushed up, snorting, and leaped from the ledge, and dashed at Smith. The hunter jumped aside, and leaped to the back of the bear, winding his arms tightly around its neck. With a growl the bear rose on its haunches, and tried to shake off its unwelcome rider. Failing, it rushed back and forth along the narrow ledge, brushing against rocks and trees.

Smith's grip upon the animal's windpipe soon began to have its effect. The animal's eyes bulged from its head, and it fell on the ground helpless. In an instant Smith's teeth were buried in the bear's windpipe, and the huge form became lifeless.

LOCAL MENTION.

Fools of Society, Virginia, 9, F. G. Today.

Ladies' Handwork Is a Specialty At CONGER'S LAUNDRY, 234 & N. Y. ave. Fine, superior, short washing, laundered to suit the most fastidious. Write or tel. West 427 for wagon to call.

1,000 Elephants, Delhi Durbar; Cost \$5,000,000. Virginia, 9, F. G. Thursday.

RETAILERS' BODY ANXIOUS TO AID CENSUS CLERKS

Joseph Strasburger Will Confer With Director Durand.

If any action is taken by the Retail Merchants' Association in the interest of the 1,100 Census Office clerks who are to lose their positions tomorrow, it will be taken only after careful consideration of all the circumstances and conditions and after a conference with Director Durand.

No mass meeting is contemplated and no special meeting of the board of governors has been called to consider the matter.

The only foundation for the report in a morning paper that extraordinary measures were to be taken in behalf of the census clerks lies in the fact of the census clerks' association, the Retail Merchants' Association, is planning to call upon Director Durand tomorrow for the purpose of ascertaining what, if anything, can be done.

Strasburger Makes Statement. These statements were authorized by Mr. Strasburger today, when asked by The Times concerning the reported mass meeting and protest in the interest of the clerks:

"I have been greatly concerned in the threatened discharge of a great number of employees of the Census Bureau," said Mr. Strasburger, "and have been considering with other members of the association what steps might be taken to ameliorate their condition. I am not at all certain as yet as to what can be accomplished and shall do nothing until I have a conference with the director. If I find there is any possible way in which the association can be of assistance, I shall call a meeting of the board of governors and lay the matter before them."

President Strasburger was particularly anxious that the association be not put in the light of opposing a settled policy of the Government. He was simply anxious, he said, that employment in Washington be found in some way for the large number of clerks who are dropped from the Census roll.

New York Taxation Will Be Considered

BUFFALO, Jan. 8.—The State Conference on Taxation, which was organized in Utica last year, began its second annual meeting in this city today. The session, which will last several days, is attended by numerous representatives of public organizations interested in taxation and officials of municipalities throughout the State.

The conference will give its attention to the existing methods of assessment and taxation in the State of New York, the details of the new law and suggestions for improvements. It will not, however, concern itself with the details of local or State expenditure or any budgetary matters.

Bulldog Is Deadly Weapon, Court Rules

DANVILLE, Va., Jan. 8.—Justice of the Peace H. J. Hall has decided that a bulldog is a deadly weapon. Mrs. Cleo Wilson went to the home of Mrs. May Hensley. According to the testimony, Mrs. Hensley sallied forth, re-enforced by a son bearing a club and a powerful bulldog. When and where other witnesses testified that Mrs. Hensley seized her by the hair, the bulldog grabbed her by the leg and the boy struck her with the club.

She swore out a warrant charging Mrs. Hensley with assault with a deadly weapon, because Griffin did not pay a bond. He had to go to court to rescue his wife.

CAUSE OF SINGLE TAX BEING URGED

Oregon and Missouri May Vote on Constitutional Amendments—Work Being Done by Advocates in Ohio. Delegates Pledged to Plan.

Evidence of the persistent energy with which the advocates of the taxation of land values, in other words of the single tax, are pushing their cause, is to be seen in the appeals for funds being sent out to help the cause of taxation reform in various States, especially in Oregon and Missouri.

The commission in charge of the Federal fund, established through the efforts of Joseph Fels, is urging not only the advocates of the single tax but of taxation reform, to give attention to the situations in these States. Fels is under agreement to duplicate any contributions made to the cause of the land value tax. He has been giving liberally for years. Just now the conditions in Oregon and Missouri are especially important.

Inasmuch as Congressman Henry George is making strong effort to get

the land value tax established for the District of Columbia, the work of the commission is especially interesting to Washington.

It appears Oregon has procured county option in taxation. This step was reported by the advocates of the single tax or the land value tax. Having procured a system of county option in taxation, the single tax supporters are preparing to take advantage of the position gained by submitting the question to the voters of every county, in the form of an amendment to the Oregon constitution in November next. A constitutional amendment also may be submitted in Missouri.

In Ohio also there is activity among the supporters of land value taxation. Ohio has selected a constitutional convention, which will be controlled by the progressives. It is expected the initiative and referendum will be incorporated in the constitution, as a majority of the delegates are pledged to it.

ARKANSAS WOMEN CLUBBED TO DEATH BY MIDNIGHT BAND

Planter Dying After Giving Description of the Assaultants.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Kate Carpenter and mother, Mrs. Davis, were killed, and H. P. Carpenter, a wealthy planter, probably fatally injured by a band of five or six white men, who beat the women to death and left the man for dead at the Carpenter home, near Blytheville, Ark., according to reports received here.

There was a knock for admittance at the front door of the Carpenter home shortly before midnight. Carpenter answered it and as he opened the door he was felled by the man presumed to have led the band.

The two women were the next objects of attack. It appeared they made desperate resistance before being clubbed to death. Furniture was demolished, window hangings torn into shreds and glass and brick smashed, as if a terrific hand to hand encounter had preceded their deaths.

Neighbors chanced to visit the planter's home, and upon discovering the bodies of the women and Carpenter, gave the alarm. Physicians were summoned and Carpenter was revived long enough to gasp out details of the attack. Later, he lapsed into unconsciousness and his death is momentarily expected.

A posse is searching the countryside for the assassins, descriptions of whom were given by Carpenter. Reports from Blytheville say the attack is due to the enmity borne Carpenter by certain small farmers in the neighborhood. It was also reported the planter gave the names of these to the sheriff and that warrants have been issued.

Woman Held Hostage

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Miss Sarah Furst, a Brooklyn boarding housekeeper, held Mrs. William H. Griffin as a hostage, because Griffin did not pay a bond. He had to go to court to rescue his wife.

IN MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT INDIANS ASK FOR JUSTICE

Make Claim They Are Unfairly Dealt With by Federal Government.

"Radical revision and remodeling of the Indian Service is demanded in the memorial addressed to President Taft by the Brotherhood of North American Indians. 'As at present managed,' states the memorial, 'we do not hesitate to say that the Indians are not fairly dealt with or given every reasonable and proper opportunity to better their condition and lot in life.'"

The brotherhood resulted from the conclave of 116 Indians in Washington in December. The delegates represented forty-two tribes.

The memorial points out that trust funds and interest thereon are held by the Government and have not been appropriated, and asserts this money should be paid out to individuals entitled to it, the argument being that there is much suffering among the Indians and that in many cases industrious members own land, but have no capital with which to improve it.

It is also asserted that the tribes have claims against the Government as a result of treaty relations, and that these claims should be submitted to the Court of Claims.

The Indians object to the act of 1906 placing certain Indians under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Government. The memorial says:

"The act of February 8, 1887, made us citizens; the act of May 8, 1906, again relegated certain of our people, who should be entitled to the same privileges as those allotted under the former act and acts prior thereto, to a condition of wardship and under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States. In short, the Congress has created and made of our people two distinct classes, unwarranted either in law or common justice, and we venture to suggest, unconstitutional on account of being class legislation."

Richard C. Adams is great sachem and Joseph Craig great secretary of the organization.

"NAUGHTY" DANCES WERE BARRED AT THE CHARITY BALL

Mrs. Horace Wescott Author of Edict That Barred New Steps.

"There most certainly will not be allowed any dances on the floor at the New Willard that are not proper or that are calculated to attract attention. There are a few new dances I've heard of that are graceful and pretty. But as for the 'Turkey Trot' or the 'Grizzly Bear,' gracious no! Emphatically no!"

That ultimatum, it was learned today was issued by Mrs. Horace Wescott, who headed the receiving line at the Charity Ball, and who had a whole lot to say about the dancing.

"Our program? Why the old-fashioned waltz, two-step, waltz, two-step, and that is all."

The announcement yesterday was a blow to the young and more daring members of society. For several months a score or more of young men and women have been practicing a peculiarly elusive step known as "Texas Tommy." One report has it that nearly 200 of Washington's elite have been under tutelage, learning all about the new fangled steps, and gyrations that cannot always be called dances.

Besides these there are the "Bunny Hug" and the "Glide," the last of which is supposed to be done with a twilight background. All these were barred by the edict of Mrs. Wescott.

"How will we stop them? Well, we haven't yet given orders to stop the music if anything of that nature is attempted. But we might. And then they can be spoken to, you know."

The warning was enough. Only an occasional symptom of the fantastic dances was noted, and these were promptly suppressed.

Girl Athlete Almost Disrobes Purse Thief

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—A robber attempted to steal the handbag of Miss May O'Rourke, nineteen years old, near her North Side home last night. He escaped minus his hat, coat, a scarf, shirt, and some shoes.

He struggled with her for possession of the bag for some time. She is athletic, and between them they broke the bag handle. The robber slipped and fell to the icy walk, and Miss O'Rourke jumped upon him, shouting for aid.

When he finally wriggled from her grasp she was clinging to his sack coat and, within it, a pocket watch and the loose, collarless, soft shirt, which she had pulled over his head. His hat lay on the walk, and as he started to run away one of his shoes fell off.

He escaped the crowd that came to Miss O'Rourke's aid.

Man's Dismembered Body Found in Ashes

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 8.—A track hand unloading a car of cinders for track ballast at West Brookville, N. Y., found the head, one arm and part of the body of a man buried deep under the hot cinders, so badly burned as to be unrecognizable. The car was loaded in the round house of the Ontario and Western railroad here on January 4, and it is believed the man was murdered at that time and thrown into the cinders.

Hundred Dollars Forfeited by Holt

Trial on a charge of being disorderly in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church was avoided by Samuel A. Holt by forfeiture of \$100 collateral in District branch of Police Court yesterday. Holt was arrested Sunday night at the church, following complaints made by members of the congregation.

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